RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

INCREASE OF PAY TO VERNACULAR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

PRESIDENT: Before proceeding to the continuance of the discussion on the resolution on unemployment, I should be glad if the non-official members will, under the presidency of the Deputy President, if the Deputy President will be so kind as to preside, proceed to elect four members from among themselves to serve on the Committee to go into the question of the pay of Vernacular school-masters. They may make the election either during the lunch interval or in the evening after the Nanjinad Vellala Bill has been considered, that is, either between 2 and 3 o'clock or after five.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): We may have it between 2·45 and 3 P. M.

PRESIDENT: The Deputy President is prepared to have the election after 2·45 and finish it by 3 o'clock.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I just remind the President of the promise of a ruling about the publication of the report of the Free Pass Rules Committee?

PRESIDENT: I am having the question looked into.

We will now proceed with the discussion of the resolution on unemployment.

Committee on unemployment (Contd.).

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I second the resolution. The learned mover has traversed a very difficult and interesting region. He has pointed out with his characteristic grasp of principles and details the crying evils of unemployment. The unemployment question in every country is a social, political and economic problem of a most complex and difficult character. But the unemployment question in Travancore is different from what it is in the countries of the West. In those countries people who are willing and able to work find it impossible to get work because of the peculiar conditions of land, labour and capital. But in Travancore the bearings of the problems of unemployment are different. Here is a State where the Government are prepared to take credit for cent per cent. literacy. Here is a country where English education has spread to a larger extent than in any other part of India. And here again is a favoured State whose Government are spending a large proportion of its revenue for higher education. The result is that there is no place in this vast continent where the quest for Government employment is so keen and fraught with so many evil consequences as in Travancore. Side by side with the universal scramble for billets there exists in our State the worst type of sectarian and communal struggles for the distribution of offices.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I ask the Member whether there is any communal unemployment?

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